

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 785

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, UNSC, LE, IS, XF  
SUBJ: UN REPORT ON MILITARY ACTION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON,  
MARCH 16

1. BASED ON UNMO REPORTING, UN SOURCE GAVE US RUNDOWN ON  
MARCH 16 DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. THERE WAS TOTAL  
OF 679 ROUNDS OF IDF ARTILLERY OBSERVED COMING FROM ISRAEL  
INTO FOLLOWING LEBANESE TOWNS -- ET TAIRI, BINT JBAIL,  
MAROUN ER RAS, BEIT YAHOUN, DIBIL, AND BEAUFORT CASTLE.  
COMMENT: SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT APPARENTLY IDF HAS NOT REMAINED  
IN SOME OF THESE TOWNS WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN REPORTED AS  
CAPTURED. END COMMENT

2. UNMOS ALSO REPORTED ELEVEN IDF AIR ATTACKS COMPRISING 145  
SEPARATE AIRCRAFT STRIKES WITH BOMBS AND MACHINE GUN FIRE.  
STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
-- SALHANI (10), BEIT YAHOUN (30), TIBNINE (30), SAFAD  
EL BATTIKH (3), BRAACHITE (3), MAJDEL ISLIM (18), TALLOUSA  
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(6), BENI HAXIANGS (4), CHAKRA (4), IBIL AS SAQY (4),  
AND BEAUFORT CASTLE (23).

3. IDF HAS INFORMED UNTSO THAT IT HAS CURRENTLY THREE  
BRIGADES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON CONSISTING OF TOTAL OF 12,000  
TROOPS.  
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